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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Requirements for Photographic Materials

REFERENCE: [redacted] 31 October 1956
(Memorandum from the Air Force)

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1. I invited the following people to meet to review requirements for raw materials in photography, taking into account the experience of the past several months both in terms of use and capabilities: [redacted] (Ops), Colonel Walker, Major Hoffman (AFOIN), Commander Wiseman, Commander Lotzgesell (ONI), Mr. Becker (OCR), Mr. Lundahl, and [redacted] (HTA).

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2. It was agreed that, as a means of fulfilling the Air Force requirement for duplicate positive film of missions A-2003, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2020, 2021, and 2024 from the 24" F/L, [redacted] Colonel Walker, and Mr. Lundahl would work out a schedule of production which would take into account reproduction aspects, Air Force urgency, and HTA needs. It was noted that the Air Force need for duplicate positives arises from the inadequacy of the print for AFOIN use, the duplicate positive which they have received having already gone to SAC for its use.

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3. Colonel Walker agreed to investigate whether subsequent to the foregoing it might be most useful to the Air Force to get a duplicate negative rather than two duplicate positives, which would then permit the Air Force to make additional positive materials as they desire. This investigation would be based on the report of [redacted] that in terms of work load there is little difference from the [redacted] point of view in whether they are requested to make a duplicate positive or a duplicate negative for the Air Force. Colonel Walker estimated it would take him in the order of two weeks before he could report back.

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USAF review(s) completed.

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4. In view of the fact that the turn-around printer has now been installed, Colonel Walker requested that a duplicate positive for 70 mm materials be prepared giving high priority to Mission A-2009.

5. In view of the fact that the Navy needs for retail products from HTA are extensive as revealed in recent requirements, I suggested that the Navy examine whether it would not meet their interests better by receiving a duplicate negative from which they could at will manufacture the positive materials they desire. Commander Wiseman indicated that currently the Navy did not have capabilities for such reproduction. When the [redacted] is established, this might be possible. He said that he would investigate what adjustments might be made in the next several months with existing facilities to see whether an interim arrangement for Navy reproduction from duplicate negatives would be feasible. Pending such report, it was understood that a feasible working arrangement had been established between the Navy and HTA whereby the former was providing some processing personnel to cut down the very large Navy backlog requested from HTA.

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6. I indicated that we would reconvene to obtain reports on the foregoing within two weeks in order that together we could try to accommodate all needs in the most effective manner.

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